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For	:	COMPOSITIONS FOR PREVENTING AND TREATING TYPE I ALLERGY	)	
Examiner	:	Unknown	)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned International Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 2, after the Title of the Invention, please insert:

--This is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/JP00/01801, filed March 24, 2000, which claims priority of Japanese Applications JP 1999-84395, filed March 26, 1999, JP 1999-123633, filed April 30, 1999, and JP 1999-173731, filed June 21, 1999 (all of which are herein incorporated by reference).--

On page 2, please replace the first paragraph (starting on line 4 and ending on line 9) as follows:

--An object of the present invention is to provide a food composition, a pharmaceutical composition and an external preparation for skin, which comprises as an active ingredient a compound surprising effective at suppressing type I allergy and its symptoms, and thus having an excellent preventative or therapeutic effect on type I allergy .--.